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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Leah E. Appel, et al.

Examiner: S. Gollamudi **APPLICATION NO.: 09/745,095**

FILING DATE: December 20, 2002 Group Art Unit: 1616

TITLE: Hydrogel-Driven Drug Dosage Form

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant(s) herein make(s) available to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office a copy of PTO-FB-A820 which lists the references cited by the applicant(s), copies of which are enclosed.

The Examiner is requested to consider carefully the complete text of these references in connection with the examination of the above-identified application in accord with 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(a). It is believed the Examiner will concur with applicant's belief that the subject matter presently claimed is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the foregoing references.

It is requested that the references listed on the attached form PTO-FB-A820 be included in the "References Cited" portion of any patent issuing from this application (M.P.E.P. § 1302.12).

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